

State of New Hampshire DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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LETTER OF DEFICIENCY #WSEB 03-229 Certified Mail # 7099 3400 0003 0691 1178

Martin Taylor 185 Shore Drive Salem, NH 03079

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Subject: Alstead - Public Water System: Pine Needles Mobile Home Park (EPA# 0053010)

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The records of the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) show that Pine Needles Mobile Home Park water system is classified as a public water system (PWS), as defined by RSA 485:1-a. A PWS is defined as any water system supplying 15 or more services, or 25 or more people for 60 or more days per year. As such, the water system owner is required to submit chemical samples according to the system's established sampling schedule to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory in compliance with NH Administrative Rule Env-Ws 327. Pursuant to Env-Ws 351, the failure to submit a chemical sample within the assigned sampling quarter requires that public notice of such failure be given to all consumers.

DES records show that the subject water system failed to submit the following chemical sample results for the following monitoring periods (calendar quarters).

First and Second Quarters of 2003 ("Q1" and "Q2-2003") Methyl tertiary-Butyl Ether ("MtBE")

As a result of the failure to submit the above-described Q1-2003 sample, a Notice of Violation (NOV), dated June 2, 2003, was sent to you (copy enclosed). The NOV requested that you immediately submit the Q1-2003 sample as a <u>make-up sample</u>. To date, DES has not received the make-up sample result, thus placing the water system in violation of Env-Ws 327. In addition, the NOV requested you to perform public notice concerning the Q1-2003 MtBE sampling violation. To date, no proof of public notice has been received by DES, thus placing the water system in violation of Env-Ws 351.

The water system has now failed to submit the required Q2-2003 MtBE sample results. This violation requires the system to perform public notice and submit another "make-up" sample.

DES believes the monitoring/reporting deficiencies can be addressed by taking the following actions:

By August 29, 2003, submit <u>two</u> MtBE "make-up samples" to the State laboratory or a State-certified laboratory. Please use the enclosed analysis result forms when submitting the samples to your laboratory. To make the sample results most useful, the make-up samples should be collected at least 10 days apart; and

www.des.state.nh.us TDD Access: Relay NH -800-735-2964

2. By August 29, 2003, provide proof of public notice to DES concerning the Q1 and Q2-2003 MtBE sampling violations, as specified on the enclosed form. If public notice has not yet been performed, do so immediately and provide proof by the August 25, 2003 deadline.

In the event compliance is not achieved within this period, DES may take further enforcement action. These actions include issuing an order requiring the deficiencies to be corrected, initiating an administrative fine proceeding, and/or referring the matter to the NH Department of Justice for imposition of appropriate penalties.

Please note that submission of the Q1 and Q2-2003 MtBE "make-up samples" does <u>not</u> relieve you of your obligation to submit MtBE samples during the third and fourth quarters.

The proof of public notice as requested above should be addressed as follows or faxed to (603) 271-5171:

Jeanne D. Lawson
Department of Environmental Services
Water Supply Engineering Bureau
6 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95
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Please contact Jeanne Lawson at (603) 271-6703 or by email at *jlawson@des.state.nh.us*, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Administrator Water Supply Engineering Bureau

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Encls: Notice of Violation, dated June 2, 2003

Analysis Request Forms Public Notice Form

cc: Gretchen Rule, DES Legal Unit (w/o encl.)

E. Dale Wilson, Town of Alstead Health Officer (w/o encl.) Mark Young, Windham Pump Co., Primary Operator

Jeanne D. Lawson, DES WSEB EPA, Region 1 (w/o encl.)